

HALL AT TOP FORM IN BILLIARD GAME

**Boston Expert Averages 16
Defeating Rein in Ama-
teur Tournament.**

GARDNER AGAIN LOSES				
	Won.	Lost.	High Avg.	High Hun.
Hall.....	3	0	10	79
Blake.....	2	0	10 19-20	67
Clarkson.....	3	3	9 14-13	68
Gardner.....	1	2	6 20-25	53
Slinger.....	1	2	9 3-7	78

BOSTON, March 3.—Nathan Hall of Boston in defeating Edward Hryn of Chicago 100 to 20, displayed a quality of billiards unequalled since Joe Mayer won the title two years ago. With an average of 16 flat he beat the high average of the present National Amateur Class A Billiard championship, made by himself last night.

Although feeling to equal the figures established by Mayer, he displayed technique equal to if not superior to that of the ex-amateur star. His execution was seldom at fault, and his judgment in his selection of his shots, although

Hall's cluster of 76 was executed at great speed, and embraced a long series of line nurses. It was mainly due to his inability to turn the balls back to the short end of the table that he failed to beat the high run of the tournament, held by himself and Jacob Klinger at 79. The inevitable result of his position in the middle of the table was a "hole" causing loss of position and a difficult two cushion draw terminated the run.

Edward Rein, who is rapidly recovering from a severe cold that he brought with him from Chicago, achieved an average of 92-25, good enough to win nine times out of ten. As an open table player and shot maker, he is as good as any in the tournament, and he is yet capable of causing an upset in the calculations of the experts. His run of 48 included more difficult shots than

One shot of Hall's calls for special mention. It was his twenty-sixth in his run of 76. The cue ball was frozen to the two object balls in line. He massed out and back, slowly, and made the carom. Many a spectator could have made the shot fast and lost position. Hall struck the cue ball so that it only travelled less than an inch before returning, and the position thus gained formed

As a match the game was on form shown, a foregone conclusion. Hall was never headed after the opening shot. A 45, 21 and 26 in the fifth, seventh and eighth innings gave him the lead by 125 to 49. A good 48 by Rein, embracing many fine tee shots and bank shots, retained some of the ground and Hall's lead was reduced to 36 at the end of the sixteenth. This, however, was the end of the struggle. Consecutive runs of 76, 15, 30, 47 and 16 placed Hall so far ahead as to give Rein no chance

finished, gave Hall the game. The point score:

Hall—0, 17, 9, 0, 42, 0, 21, 36, 0, 0, 1. Total, 400. High runs, 78, 47, 43, 42. Average, 16.

Rein—1, 0, 14, 31, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 2, 48. Total, 100. High runs, 48, 43, 21. Average, 9-30.

Clarkson Beats Gardner.

E. W. Gardner, showing no stroke at all except for a short period in the middle of the game, suffered his second con-

of Boston. Clarkson won, 400 to 278. The feature of the present title holder's game is his safety play when in the lead. The early advantage gained by Clarkson forced Gardner to forsake his usual tactics and to throw safety to the winds. Clarkson took full advantage of the opportunities thus afforded and led at the end of the sixteenth inning by 230 to 65. Subsequently the champion improved, but his effort soon died out and Clarkson ran out an easy winner by 122 points.

Clarkson—0, 40, 18, 13, 5, 10, 10, 0, 0, 4, 5, 2, 0, 2, 41, 67, 4, 3, 28, 0, 1, 6, 18, 11, 3, 0, 2, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 18, 1, 4, 0, 0, 3

Gardner—6, 2, 0, 3, 5, 8, 4, 2, 0, 9.
 15, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
 6, 3, 0, 0, 0, 0, 17, 3, 0, 3, 0, 8, 11,
 5, 3, 3c. Total, 278. High runs, 38, 29.
 Average, 6 26-42.

RENSSELAER POLY WINS.

The Rensselaer Poly basketball team defeated the Pratt Institute passers last night in the Pratt gymnasium by a score of 42 to 28. The visitors outclassed the Brooklynites in both shooting and passing. At half time they had a lead of 2

Noyes	R. F.	Burns
Robinson	L. F.	Van Lan
Woolsey	Centrs.	Leimb
Parrott	R. G.	Elcholt
O'Hara	L. G.	Shuheart
Goals from field—Noyes 5, Robinson 7		
Woolsey 4, Parrott, O'Hara 3, Burns 3		
Van Lane 4, Shuheart, Troutman, local		
goals from foul—Woolsey 2, Burns 3, Shuheart		
tutes—Troutman for Shuheart, Benhan		
for Parrott. Referee—Mr. O'Shea. 29		
John's College. Time of halves—29		
minutes.		

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